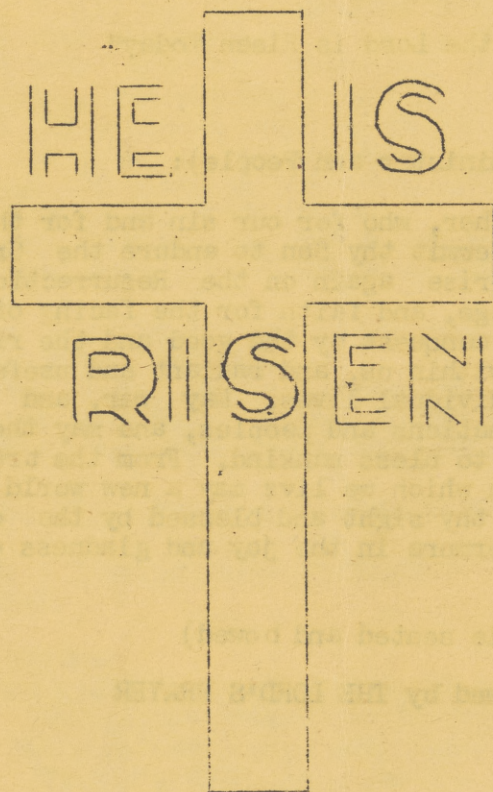




EASTER 1943

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

THE MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
April 25, 1943 10:30 A.M.

Chairman: Rev. Shimpachi Kanow
Pianist: Miss Alice Imamoto

THE PRELUDE (the People in prayer or meditation)

*HYMN No. 237 "Christ, the Lord is Risen Today"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE PRAYER (in unison, Minister and People):

O gracious Lord and Father, who for our sin and for the sin of the whole world didst permit thy Son to endure the Cross, and the tomb, and then to rise again on the Resurrection Morn: give us hope, and courage, and faith for the facing of our sorrows, and for ultimate conquest by the good and the right. May sin and anxieties die within us, and radiant and useful virtues rise to command our individual lives. May war, and hatreds, and greeds die within nations and peoples, and may the Kingdom of God upon earth rise to bless mankind. From the travail and darkness of this day in which we live may a new world arise--a world well pleasing in thy sight and blessed by the continued favor. May we live evermore in the joy and gladness of Jesus' resurrection. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER (the People seated and bowed)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

*THE RESPONSIVE READING:

MINISTER: For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

PEOPLE: In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment;

MINISTER: But with everlasting loving-kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

PEOPLE: For this is as the waters of Noah unto me;

MINISTER: For as I have sworn that the waters of Noah shall no more go over the earth,

PEOPLE: So have I sworn that I will not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

MINISTER: For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed;

PEOPLE: But my loving-kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

MINISTER: O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted,

PEOPLE: Behold, I will set thy stones in fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

MINISTER: And I will make thy pinnacles of rubies, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy border of precious stones.

PEOPLE: And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

MINISTER: Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations;

PEOPLE: Spare not: lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.

MINISTER: For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left;

PEOPLE: And thy seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

MINISTER: For thy Maker is thy husband; the Lord of hosts is his name: and the Holy One of Israel is thy Redeemer;

PEOPLE: The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

*GLORIA PATRI: No. 292 "Glory be to the Father"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: I Corinthians 15:20-28

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP through MUSIC:

The Choir

"Beautiful Saviour" arr. by Riegger.

"Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel

Choir Director Miss Mary Kasai

Pianist, Miss Alice Imamoto

THE PRESENTATION OF EASTER OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 289 "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow"

THE EASTER SERMON:

The Rev. Hideo Hashimoto

"The Triumph of Life"

*HYMN No. 239 "Crown Him with many Crown"

*BENEDICTION

SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

RESURRECTION

By Paul Gerrard Jackson

The tomb was sealed that burial day
Against imagined threat of theft;
But when the stone was rolled away
Only the linen clothes were left.

Between the darkness and the dawn
(The sentries' eyes were blind to see)
Their Prisoner of death had gone:
Lord of Eternal life was He!

The earth to her foundations shook,
And sundered were the gates of hell;
The soldiers looked as dead men look,
Such awful fear upon them fell.

Some women came, for love and care;
"Ah, who will roll us back the stone?"
A strange, unearthly light was there--
The sepulcher with glory shone!

The women stood, and held their breath
To see an angel looking on.
The place where Christ awoke from death--
Was ever such a sight at dawn?

"What seek ye here the Living One?"
The messenger of Heaven said;
"Go, tell that God's almighty Son
Hath newly risen from the dead!"

As forth they fled, without a word,
Silent in wonder, trembling, pale,--
Lo! Jesus met them, and they heard
With throbbing joy His calm "All hail!"